**Improving Road facilities for exporting oil-cake**

359. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the technology mission on oilseeds (T.M.O.) has asked the Ministry of Surface Transport to improve the facilities at the Ports for exporting oil-cake;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken by the Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Ministry of Agriculture have suggested to this Ministry that schemes to develop infrastructure and mechanised handling facilities be developed in Ports.

(b) An amount of Rs 1 crore has been earmarked for the Feasibility Study of this Project by Ministry of Agriculture.

(c) Ministry of Surface Transport have asked Kandla Port Trust to draw up a Detailed Project Report for the Project.

**Incorporating minimum safety devices in vehicles**

360. SHRI MEINTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make it compulsory for vehicle Manufacturers to incorporate minimum safety devices in their products;

(b) what are the powers available with Government presently to enforce recommendations of National Road Safety Council to ensure safer vehicles from manufacturers; and

(c) details of proposals under consideration to ensure production of safer vehicles?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rule 123 to 128 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 deal with production of Safer Vehicles by Manufacturers.

(c) Government have identified 22 safety items for notification, under Rule 124 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989.

**Poor condition of roads in Madhya Pradesh**

361. SHRI SHIVPRASAD CHANPURIA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the National Highways, State Highways and Rural Highways in the State of Madhya Prades are in such a dilapidated condition that they are dangerous for traffic; and

(b) whether Government would pay special attention and extend financial and technical assistance for improving and upgrading the poor condition of these roads?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Constitutionally, the Government of India is responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways only and other roads are essentially the responsibility of respective State Governments. Maintenance of National Highways is a continuous process and they are being kept generally in traffic worthy condition by taking up repair works from time to time within the funds available. During 1992-93 an amount of Rs. 12.13 crores has been released so far for maintenance of National Highways in Madhya Pradesh, apart from Rs. 18.50 crores allocated to the

State in this year for development of National Highways.

**Projects from A. P. under central road fund scheme**

362. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of projects sent by Government of Andhra Pradesh to be taken up under Central Road Fund Scheme;

(b) what are the details of projects sanctioned; and

(c) by when the remaining projects are likely to be sanctioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The details of projects sent by Government of Andhra Pradesh to be taken up in 1989-90 and 8th Five Year Plan under Central Road Fund Scheme are as under:—

| S.No. | Type of scheme | No. of schemes. | Estimated cost (Rs. in crore) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Development of State Highways & Major District Roads carrying Heavy Traffic. | 268 | 215.23 |
| 2 | Engineering Aspects of Road Safety covering improvement of Traffic junctions etc. | 62 | 8.32 |
| 3 | Research & Development & Development of Data Base. | 4 | 3.92 |
| 4 | Development of other District & Village Roads. | 42 | 35.65 |
| 5 | Preventive Maintenance by way of strengthening Heavy Density corridors. | 24 | 23.00 |
| 6 | Training of Highways Engineers. | 1 | 3.15 |
| | Total: | 401 | 289.27 |

(b) The details of proects sanction ed under Central Road Fund out of the 401 schemes sent by the Govern ment of Andhra Pradesh are as under:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

| S.No. | Name of scheme | Estimated cost | Amount approved under CRF |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Upgrading the road between Tupilipalem & Pattapupalem & Pattapupalem of Pedagoviedapalli in Nellore District and construction of H. L. Bridges on Swaranmukhi river and Challakalva. | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| 2 | Construction of bridges ocross Perantala Kunuma (Kolleru lake) in Km. 4/2 of Anapadu-Kolletikota road. | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| 3 | Formation of a road from Venkatagiri in Nellore district to Kodur in Cuddapah district. | 280.90 | 280.90 |
| 4 | Road to Udaiyagiri Hill Station at Udaiyagiri in Nellore District. | 200.50 | 200.50 |
| 5 | Development of road between Mahadevpur-Muknoor-Kankanpur & Katram in Karimnagar District. | 840.00 | 200.00 |